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Mission of the Board: *The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.*

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Our normal business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our offices are closed for holidays designated by the State.

DESIGNATED STATE HOLIDAYS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008

Christmas December 25

DESIGNATED STATE HOLIDAYS FOR 2009

New Year's Day January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 19

George Washington's Birthday/ President's Day February 16
Confederate Memorial Day May 11
National Memorial Day May 25
Independence Day July 3
Labor Day September 7
Veteran's Day November 11
Thanksgiving Day November 26-27
Christmas Day December 25-28

VISIT US ON OUR WEB SITE: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/

The Board of Nursing Web site contains the Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other information.

From the Desk of the ADMINISTRATOR

By: Joan K. Bainer, RN, MN, NE BC, Board Administrator



The end of August, beginning of September, reminds us of “back to school days.” Is it time for you to return to school, e.g., LPN to RN, ADN to BSN? If you are taking a course at a university or college, you can use those hours when you renew your license as long as they have NURS in the course title. Maybe it is time for you to review your educational file as you maintain your employment. Does your file reflect the competencies that are high risk, low volume? If you had to replace a PICC Line, for example, are you following the facility policy and procedure related to that procedure? You may think of other scenarios. Do you teach your staff current changes to the practice?

Have you checked the “Chart on Lines, Tubes and Devices” to note that the RN information has been separated from the LPN information for easier reading, and the Advisory Opinion index and the position papers on various topics? All of these can be found on our Web site.

Take every advantage to maintain your skills and refurbish them as necessary, as nurses never stop learning. Nurses never stop teaching.

Please let the Board know if you would like a “Bits of Legal Aspects” presentation at your facility at no charge. Promoting education of the nursing practice could prevent practice errors and discipline. The South Carolina State Board of Nursing is always here to help you.

Please write us at NURSEBOARD located on our Web site. Good Luck.



Committee Members Needed

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE (APC)

The Advanced Practice Committee (APC) assists the Board of Nursing with issues such as, but not limited to, advanced nursing practice, practice requirements and scope of practice. The APC meets quarterly on the first Friday in February, May, August and November of each year. There are currently positions open for family nurse practitioner representatives on the APC.

All APC members must be currently licensed in South Carolina, not under a current disciplinary order, certified and practicing in the area they represent. APC members are appointed for an initial term of two years with a possibility of reappointment by the Board for three years to provide for staggering of terms. Information from all interested parties is submitted to the Board for review and appointment/reappointment. Members' perspectives and participation are valued and necessary for continuity, so regular committee meeting attendance is very important. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as family nurse practitioner representative on the Advanced Practice Committee, please submit a letter expressing which position are you interested in, along with your curriculum vitae, to Joan K. Bainer, administrator, Advanced Practice Committee, LLR-Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NURSING (ACON)

The Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) assists the Board of Nursing with long-range planning for nursing and facilitates collaboration between education and practice. The ACON meets on the third Tuesday in February, April, June and October. They meet on the last Tuesday in August and first Tuesday in December each year. Under the new ACON charter, there are currently positions available for large/urban, as well as small/rural, hospital nursing service administrator, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), associate degree educator, baccalaureate educator, and graduate educator representatives.

All members must be currently licensed in South Carolina, practicing in the area they represent and not be under a current disciplinary order. Members are appointed by the Board for an initial term of two years with a possibility of reappointment for three years to provide for staggering of terms. All nominations, as well as requests for reappointment, are submitted to the Board for review. Members' perspectives and participation are valued and necessary for continuity, so regular committee meeting attendance is very important. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as the large/urban nursing service administrator, small/rural hospital nursing service administrator, advanced practice registered nurse, associate degree educator, baccalaureate educator, or graduate educator representative on the Advisory

Committee on Nursing, contact Dottie Buchanan at dbuchana@llr.sc.gov or 803-896-4533 to obtain a nomination form.

NURSING PRACTICE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) assists the Board of Nursing on issues affecting nursing practice in our state. The NPSC is charged with developing and revising advisory opinions and position statements. The NPSC meets on the third Thursday in February, April, June, August, October and December each year. There are currently positions available on NPSC for an acute care licensed practical nurse and advanced practice registered nurse representatives.

All NPSC members must be currently licensed in South Carolina, practicing in the area they represent and not be under a current disciplinary order. Members' perspectives and participation are valued and necessary for continuity. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as acute care licensed practical nurse or advanced practice registered nurse representative on the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, submit a letter expressing which position you are interested in, along with your curriculum vitae, to Joan K. Bainer, administrator, Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, LLR-Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211.

Out-of-State Nursing Education Program Utilizing South Carolina Clinical Facilities

As of May 25, 2007, nursing educational programs outside of South Carolina that prepare students for initial licensure must receive approval from the Board of Nursing to conduct clinical experiences in a South Carolina facility. For more information, refer to the Board's Web site at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing. When you arrive on the home page, select laws/policies, then Nurse Regulations, Chapter 91, followed by Article 2 Nursing Education Programs, Section 91-6, Out-of-State Nursing Programs Conducting Clinical Experiences in South Carolina. This section includes the Board's requirements.

For more information, contact Nancy Murphy at murphyn@llr.sc.gov or call her at 803-896-4529.



HAVE YOU MOVED?

Section 40-33-38 (C) of the South Carolina Nurse Practice Act requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of an address change. So that you do not incur disciplinary action or miss important time sensitive information, such as your renewal notice and audit notice or other important licensure information, be sure to notify the Board immediately whenever you change addresses. You may change your address on-line utilizing the address change form under Online Services found on the Board's Web site: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/.



Hats Off to *Veterans*

A hat is defined as a covering worn for protection from the elements. A military hat of any nature, Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine or Coast Guard takes on a bigger responsibility. 'Military hats' are not just put on one's head. Months of training, separation from families, reuniting which is equally difficult, being responsible for weapons and other appropriate gear are all part of the

responsibility of the troop when they step forward to protect us and keep us safe here and across the seas.

To all of the Veterans that have put on that "hat" to go out and protect the United States of America, we say a LARGE thank you and give appreciation as you more than protect us from the elements. In essence, we take our hats off to you.



RETURNED CHECKS

When submitting any fees to the Board of Nursing, please be certain there are sufficient funds in your account to cover your check and that the check has cleared before closing any account. Section 40-1-50(G) of the South Carolina Code of Laws states that a license shall be suspended if a fee payment is made by a check that is subsequently returned by the financial institution unpaid and is not made good within 10 days of official notification. This suspension is exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act. Unpaid checks constitute a non-payment of license fees. Section 40-33-38 (C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of any address change. When a check is returned, replacement funds plus the returned check fee allowed by law will be charged.

BOARD VACANCY



There are currently three four vacancies on the Board of Nursing. Members serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Board members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

When appointing members to the Board of Nursing, the Governor will give consideration to include a diverse representation of principal areas of nursing including, but not limited to, hospital, acute care, advanced practice, community health, and nursing education. Registered nurse and licensed practical nurse members must be licensed in South Carolina, must be employed in nursing, must have at least three years of practice in their respective professions immediately preceding their appointment, and shall reside in the district they represent.

The first vacancy on the Board is for the Registered Nurse (RN) representative from Congressional District 4. The second vacancies are for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) representatives for Regions I and II. Region I includes Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 3 and Region II includes Congressional Districts 4, 5 and 6. There is also a vacancy for a Lay Member. Lay members represent the public at large as a consumer of nursing services and

may not be licensed or employed as a health care provider. No board member may serve as an officer of a professional health-related state association.

An individual, group, or association may nominate qualified persons and submit them to the Governor for consideration. Vacancies must be filled for the unexpired portion of a term by appointment of the Governor. If you

are interested or someone you know is interested in one of these positions on the Board of Nursing, they should submit a letter of request, along with a resume or curriculum vitae to Boards and Commissions, Governor's Office, Post Office Box 11829, Columbia, SC 29211. If you are not sure of your congressional district, go to http://www.scvotes.org/check_your_voter_registration.

Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary actions taken by the South Carolina Board of Nursing are reported to the NURSYS national nursing database, which is maintained by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and is the verification system utilized by the Board. Disciplinary actions are also reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), which is maintained by the federal government. Public disciplinary actions may be viewed on our Web site under Disciplinary Actions.

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January 29-30, 2009

March 26-27, 2009

May 14-15, 2009

July 23-24, 2009

September 24-25, 2009

November 19-20, 2009

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE (APC)

February 6, 2009

May 1, 2009

August 7, 2009

November 6, 2009

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NURSING (ACON)

February 17, 2009

April 21, 2009

June 16, 2009

August 25, 2009

October 20, 2009

December 1, 2009

NURSING PRACTICE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (NPSC)

February 19, 2009

April 23, 2009

June 18, 2009

August 20, 2009

October 15, 2009

December 17, 2009

Legal Name Required on LICENSE

Section 40-33-36 of the Nurse Practice Act requires a license to be issued in the applicant's legal name as verified by a birth certificate or other legal document acceptable to the Board (i.e., copy of marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order). You must use the name on your license when signing nursing documents.

If a licensee changes her or his name after a license has been issued, notification of the change must be filed with the Board within 15 business days, accompanied by a copy of the legal document authorizing the change. If you get married, please let us know how you wish to have your name on your license. For example, if Jane Ann Doe marries John Smith, does Jane want

her license to have Jane Doe Smith or Jane Ann Smith or Jane Ann Doe Smith? If the last name is not hyphenated, Smith would be listed as the last name. A licensee's name may not be changed on a record in the office of the Board without written authorization for the change and an adequate identification of the applicant.



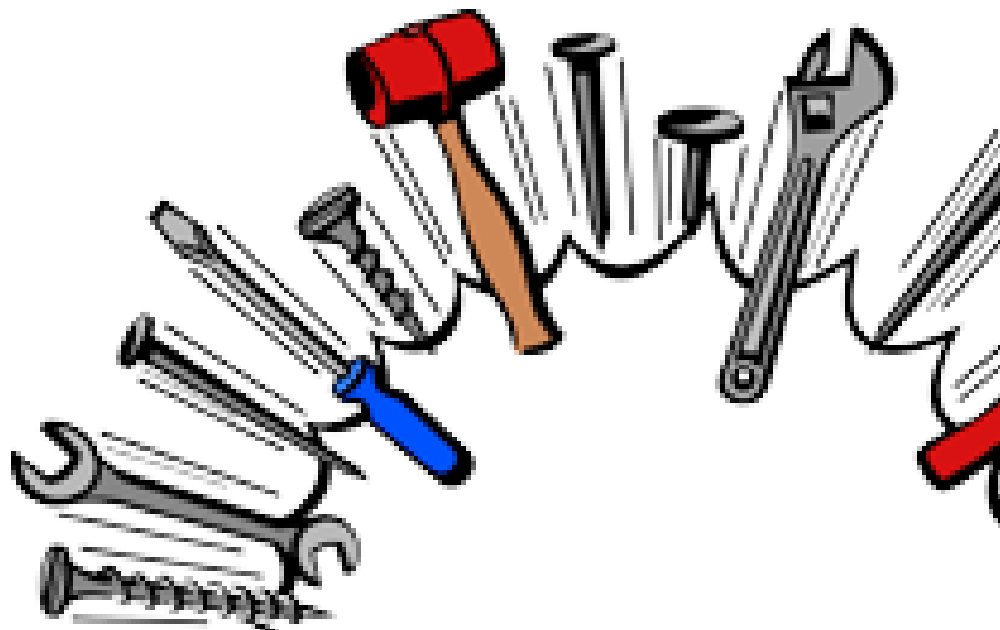
TOOLS OF THE TRADE

When was the last time you went on the Board's Web site? The Board recommends that all nurses visit the Web site (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/) at least monthly for up-to-date information on nursing licensure. When a new advisory opinion is issued or a current advisory opinion revised, it is updated on the Web site within two weeks. The Competency Requirement, Competency Requirement Criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, Licensure information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements, and the Nurse Practice Act are just a few of the valuable tools and information you will find on the Web site.

The Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are located under Laws/Policies. The Competency Requirement and Competency Requirement Criteria, which includes continuing education

contact hours, are located under Licensure.

The Board hopes you will find this information useful in your nursing practice.



Want to Ask the Board a Question?

Can't find an answer to your question on our Web site? Looked through all the advisory opinions and position statements and still cannot find the answer to a practice question? Looked at the applications and information under licensure with no luck? You can e-mail your question to nurseboard@llr.sc.gov at a time convenient to your schedule. We will be happy to assist you.



Did You Know??

1910 First Nurse Practice Act was enacted. This new legislation provided for registration of nurses by the State Board of Medical Examiners for South Carolina. After January 1, 1911, it was unlawful to call oneself a professional nurse unless you had passed an examination and were registered by the State Board of Medical Examiners. The law required that applicants for registration be at least 21 years old, of good moral character, have received the "equivalent of a common education," and have graduated from a two-year training program connected with a general hospital. Between 1910 and 1935, the State Board of Medical Examiners for South Carolina registered 2,883 nurses.

1935 The new Nurse Practice Act placed the registration of nurses and approval of schools of nursing under the State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses for South Carolina. Bills had been introduced in 1926 and 1930 to establish a nursing board, but neither passed. The first State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses for South Carolina was composed of five persons appointed by the governor with recommendations for two members from the South Carolina State Nurses Association, two members nominated by the South Carolina Medical Association from its membership and one member nominated by the South Carolina Hospital Association. The executive secretary (now administrator) of the board was employed on a part-time basis and served jointly as executive secre-

tary for the Board and for the South Carolina Nurses Association. Office space and equipment were shared by the Board and Association in one room. In 1948, the executive secretary of the State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses for South Carolina became a full-time position.

1947 The Nurse Practice Act was amended. The revised Nurse Practice Act provided for licensure of practical nurses (LPN), for the annual renewal of licenses, and for inactive status of a license. Citizenship or legal declaration of intention to become a citizen was made a requirement for licensure.

1959 The Nurse Practice Act was amended. The name of the Board was changed to the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina. Certain minutiae were removed from the statute with the provision for rules and regulations to be developed and filed with the secretary of state with full force and effect of law.

1960 Mandatory licensure for the practice of nursing or practical nursing in South Carolina began. In the 1960s, the Board's staff grew to an executive director, a nurse consultant, and six clerical staff of which three were part-time. By 1972, there were three professional nurses on staff, and six full-time employees.

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